



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

ANTHURIUM CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Flowering anthuriums grow best in bright, indirect light. An east-facing window or a filtered south or west window works well. Strong direct sun can scorch leaves; low light reduces flowering. This guide covers flowering hybrids, rather than specialty foliage anthuriums.

WATERING

Water when the surface of the potting mix feels dry. Soak the root ball thoroughly and allow excess water to drain. Keep the mix lightly moist below the surface, never soggy. Empty decorative pots and saucers, and check moisture before watering again.

SOIL

Choose a loose, airy, slightly acidic potting mix with good drainage. Orchid bark added to a suitable houseplant mix helps provide air around the roots. Use a container with drainage holes and avoid an oversized pot that stays wet too long.

TEMPERATURE

Provide warm conditions, about 65-85 degrees F, with good humidity. Keep away from cold drafts, hot radiators and air-conditioning vents. A humidifier can help in dry rooms. Protect leaves from cold glass and cover the plant for winter travel.

FERTILIZING

Use an orchid or flowering-houseplant fertilizer at the label rate during active spring and summer growth. Reduce feeding in winter. Remove faded flower stems at the base with clean scissors, and wipe leaves gently to remove dust.

PESTS

Check for mealybugs, scale, thrips and spider mites, especially under leaves and around stems. Isolate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Constantly wet soil can cause root rot. Keep out of reach of chewing pets and children; sap is irritating.